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1. On 27 June 1953, officers and EM with black-bordered red and red-bordered black epaulets, and soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and black-bordered red epaulets with artillery insignia were observed at the Auhof Kaserne in Irrfah (O 49/V 88), guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. Although no weapons were seen, the installation apparently was occupied to capacity. As far as could be observed, the U-shaped garage contained 14 motor vehicles, while 4 trucks.

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2. On 23 June, only an officer, three EM and a propped-up truck were observed at the Birago Kaserne in Melk (O 49/W 68), guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. The installation apparently was still vacant. 2

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3. On 25 June, three jeeps, [Redacted] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, were parked at the main entrance of the former Kreisgericht on Schiesstattring in St. Poelten (O 49/W 88). The installation was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. Soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets were seen cutting logs into squared lumber at the Eugen Kaserne. Three trucks and 2 tank trucks were seen in the yard of the installation. Seven trucks, 2 tank trucks, a tank trailer and 2 weapons carriers stood in front of the garages at the Ratner Kaserne. Soldiers did repair work on a new truck. Only a few soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia were seen at the Franz Josef Kaserne. A band of 11 soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets played at the officers' mess. A hospital with a major of medical service was observed in the former Altersheim on Franz Binder Strasse. The barrier near the Franz Josef Kaserne was guarded by a sentry with

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